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**CRITES FIELD RUNWAY TO BE DEDICATED
Ribbon Cutting Marks Completion of \$3 Million Project**

Waukesha, WIS. – County Executive Dan Vrakas and County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer invite you to a ribbon cutting ceremony Crites Field – Public Terminal on Friday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. to dedicate and reopen a runway. Special guests include U.S. Senator Herb Kohl and City of Waukesha Mayor Larry Nelson.

Vrakas said, “Crites Field is a hub of economic development for our great county. The reconstructed runway will improve service quality and safety for the many people that utilize the airport for business and recreational purposes each and every day.”

The reconstruction project was needed to relocate a storm sewer system under the original runway that was constructed in the 1960’s. It was also needed to reconfigure runway grading and to modify clear zones to meet the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Runway Safety Area Program standards of 1999.

The 3-part project cost \$3 million. Senator Kohl was instrumental in helping to secure funds through the FAA, which resulted in completing reconstruction efforts in one budget year.

In addition, the county was able to save about \$50,000 by using an environmentally friendly “fly ash” subgrade stabilization process, which reused the runway’s milled asphalt mixed with ash and water to create a concrete-like base. Reusing the materials provided for time, labor and material cost-savings and prevented it from being disposed of in area landfills.

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